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Season's Greetings

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Christmas 1977

Dear Alumni,

Predictions are made that the volume of Christmas sales will exceed anything in history. There are a lot of gifts going under the tree this 1977 Christmas.

Have you ever tried to think back on all the gifts that you have received, and to determine which one stands out as the very best, the greatest? There have been a few memorable ones in my life. Santa never really delivered exactly what I asked, but he always came through. But I surely do remember Christmas. There were gifts, but more than that there was love, and happiness, and friendship. What does stand out is that whatever gifts there were, they were given in love.

The Christmas story is concerned with love. The Gospel story tells us how God the Father gave his Son to us. Maybe we hear this too frequently to appreciate it. The message is still there: God really cares, God really loves us; all of us.

The complaint is frequent that we have stripped Christmas of its basic religious meaning. There is still gift giving, but it is a routine, expected thing at this time of year. If we celebrate Christmas with only the giving and receiving of "things" then we are missing the whole point.

There have been crusades to put "Christ" back into Christmas. So if we were to put "Christ" back into Christmas, the true meaning would have to be that God cares about us. He loves us.

Saint Joseph's College has always advertised itself as "people". A community of people working together, studying together, caring about one another. It is our Christmas wish for the whole Saint Joseph's Community that we will find it possible to let the Father share his Son with us, and that we in turn will reflect the spirit of God's love in our own giving and receiving.

Let's tell one another that we really do care.

Charles Banet, C.P.P.S.

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President

Kodak Co. Funds Three Scholarships

Saint Joseph's College has received \$3000 in direct grants through Eastman Kodak Company's 1977 Educational Aid Program, it has been announced by college president Father Charles Banet.

Responding to the contributions made by college and university graduates to the company's business success, Kodak direct grants--\$750 to privately-supported schools and \$250 to publicly-supported institutions--are awarded for each undergraduate or graduate year completed by those who graduate and join Kodak within five years of their graduation. The grants, awarded during the graduate's fifth year of employment, are made on behalf of those employees who are utilizing their academic training in the performance of their job duties.

Kodak's direct grant is on behalf of 1966 Saint Joe graduate Robert J. Maleski, who received a bachelor of science degree in chemistry from Saint Joseph's and is now employed by Tennessee Eastman Company.

Recipient schools are requested to distribute grant dollars to the departments indicated by a person's degree. Individual departments are asked to use the money for Kodak Undergraduate Scholarships and to select the recipients on the basis of merit.

Father Banet says that the funds will be used for three \$1000 scholarships to be

Residence Hall Governors Working To Upgrade Student Life At Saint Joseph's

This year the governors of the residence halls have been busy since they arrived on campus. They were brought back early for several days of orientation on programming and new policies.

Currently, the governors are busy planning social functions for their dormitories, and are helping to coordinate freshmen interviews for the personnel dean's office.



1977 SJC Hall Governors — First row, Ken Renspie (Drexel Hall), Frank Marinaro (Gallagher Hall), Paul Gracia (Merlini Hall) and Chris Spears (East Seifert Hall). Second row, Mrs. Diane Jennings (assistant to personnel dean), Rosie Vicek (Justin Hall), Mary Fricke (Halas Hall), Al Bragon (Noll Hall), Belinda Brown (Halas Hall), and Sue Tristano (Halas Hall).

The governors were in charge of all the furniture removal in their residence hall. They are now responsible for coordinating the proper channels when a student in their hall wants his room painted.

The governors sponsored two dinners in the beginning of the school year: one for the new female freshmen and one for the male freshmen. These dinners were held to welcome the new freshmen and to introduce them to faculty members and administrators.

Alumni Reveal Working World

SJC graduates of 1976 have responded to these questions by completing a one-page job inventory sheet mailed to them by the Guidance and Placement Office. In answering these questions, alumni help present students learn about the work world and the job search itself, through the development of a resource booklet.

The Guidance and Placement Office will continue to develop this resource book by mailing inventory sheets to members of other classes. Any alumnus who wishes to receive this inventory (and stamped, return envelope) should contact:

Beth Pellicciotti
Guidance and Placement
Saint Joseph's College

Father Esser Served College For 51 Years

Saint Joseph's College lost one of its most beloved community members with the death Sept. 30 of Father Rufus Esser, 79, professor emeritus of English.

To generations of Saint Joe students, Father Esser was a smiling, shining example of the fact that "Saint Joseph's is people." In a world and on a campus that often takes life and its events much too seriously, Father Esser provided a welcome counter-balance.

Aside from his record-setting 51 years of service to the college faculty, Father Esser served the college in a myriad of administrative posts, ranging from president to dean of studies to prefect of discipline.

A native of Cole Camp, Mo., Father Esser first came to Saint Joseph's as a student in 1914 and graduated here in 1919. He subsequently joined the college faculty in 1925 and taught at Collegeville through 1976; those 51 years represent the all-time SJC record of longevity in faculty service.

Father Esser served as president of Saint Joseph's during January to June of 1937 before he was forced to resign due to poor health. In addition to his teaching duties, Father Esser served as campus librarian (1928-33), prefect of discipline (1931-36), dean of studies (1936-37), secretary of the president's advisory board (1943-45), secretary of the college (1945-47), vice-president (1947-50), secretary of the college administrative council (1947-65), chairman of the humanities division (1946-56), chairman of the English department (1959-64) and chairman of the handbook and tenure committee (1963-72).

Despite such service, however, Father Esser is best remembered for his warm smile, his willingness to listen and to care about problems of others, his ability to make us smile as life's foibles, his multitude of stories and/or jokes that taught us lessons and cheered us when we needed it most, and his serene lifestyle based in a knowledge that he loved and served the Lord, just as the Lord loved him.

May his example always be part of us at Saint Joseph's.

Father Esser is survived by two brothers: Father Gilbert Esser of Saint Joseph's College and Laurence G. Esser of Omaha, Neb., and two sisters: Sister M. Edmundia, C.P.P.S., of Dayton, Ohio, and Mrs. Eldon F. Feldman of Highland, Mo.

Alumni Calendar of Events

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

SJC vs. Indiana Central, basketball, 7:30 p.m., EST, at Nicoson Hall, 1400 East Hanna, on Indiana Central campus. A post-game reception immediately following game.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

Joint Board of Trustees & Alumni Board meeting to be held on Saint Joseph's College campus, Rensselaer, Ind.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

SJC vs. Illinois Benedictine, basketball, 7:30 p.m., CST, at the PELC (College Gym) 5700 College Rd., Lisle, Ill.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

SJC vs. Valparaiso University, basketball, 7:30 p.m., CST, at the gym on the Valparaiso campus.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

SJC vs. Butler University, basketball, 8 p.m., EST, at Hinkle Fieldhouse on the Butler campus.

SJC alumni in the surrounding areas of chapters involved in upcoming events will be mailed specifics at a later date.



Alumni Class Notes

1976

1934 Congratulations to **Edward A. Fischer** on the publication of his new book, **Light in the Far East** (New York, Seabury Press, 1976).

1949 **Father Robert Conway** has assumed the duties of college chaplain at Calumet College. He has worked part-time with the college since 1975 as an instructor in history.

1951 **Father Ronald Schiml** has been promoted to the newly-created post of vice-president of endowment/realty at Calumet College in Whiting, Ind.

1953 **Dr. Daniel P. Deneau** is an exchange professor at Barat College of the Sacred Heart, Lake Forest, Ill., this year.

1959 **James M. Deegan** has been elected assistant vice-president of the Harris Bank, Chicago.

1960 **Eugene P. Tunney** has been elected a vice-president by the American National Bank and Trust Company of Chicago's board of directors. Tunney heads the bank's real estate loan division.

1963 **Michael T. Smith** has been named an area governor in the Toastmasters International Organization. He is a member of the Abbott Laboratories Toastmaster's Club of Chicago.

1964 **Dennis Lavery** has been appointed director of development at Mankato (Minn.) State University.

1968 **Michael J. Bierley** received his M.A. degree in sociology from Western Michigan University on Aug. 19, 1977.

1969 **David Franczyk** is presently working as a special agent and broker for Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company in Milwaukee, Wis.

William Hampstead received his doctorate in August, 1977 from Western Michigan University.

1970 **Earl W. Crosby** is now teaching at Hathaway Brown School in Shaker Heights, Ohio. He was also nominated for **Who's Who in the Midwest** 1978-79 edition.

John McCracken became a Brother of the Capuchin Franciscans order, St. Lawrence Seminary, on Aug. 26, 1977.

1971 **Tony Mescher** has been named chairman of the department of biological sciences at George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

Richard P. Balcer has been promoted to branching and applications assistant, corporate level, at First Federal, Chicago's largest savings and loan association.

1972 **Kathleen M. Elpers** received her MSW degree from Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J., on June 2, 1977.

Daniel T. Halton and his wife **Nan Dine** are both teaching at the Precious Blood School in Dayton, Ohio.

Larry Kwiat has taken leave of absence from his job at the Howard Johnson's (Lake-shore) for an extended period of time for a world cruise on his 38-foot, 11-ton sloop. He and his crew left Chicago's port on Oct. 5.

Timothy T. Mingey has joined the staff of Western Michigan University to assist part-time with the offensive receivers for the 1977 football season. He will also be an assistant in the WMU Alumni Relations office.

Kevin M. White is the new assistant coach in the men's cross country and track and field programs at Central Michigan University. He has also been appointed as an instructor in physical education.

Brother Hugh Henderson, a 1972 graduate of Saint Joseph's College, has been honored with a membership to the Campaign for Human Development Committee of the Diocese of Cleveland. This committee serves the bishop in the allocation of the Human Development Fund and the Catholic Hunger Fund.

1973 **Jane (Gartland) White** has been named the new women's coach in cross country and track and field at Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

1974 **Joseph Diermeier** became a Brother of the Capuchin Franciscans order from St. Lawrence Seminary on Aug. 26, 1977.

Myron D. Newland has been added to the staff of Indianapolis Washington High School as a physical education teacher and assistant football coach.

Mark A. Onesi graduated from John Marshall Law School in Atlanta and was admitted to the State Bar of Georgia on Aug. 4, 1977.

1975 **Robin Hartman** has been named news and sports director of radio station WRSW in Warsaw, Ind.

Mary Ann Mason is a member of the English department at Lowell (Ind.) High School.

Richard C. Mitchell received his master's degree in industrial relations from Iowa State University last spring. He is currently studying Spanish at the College of Spain in Salamanca, Spain and plans to tour Europe after completion of the course.

Rodney L. Newman received his master's degree in adult education and gerontology from the University of the District of Columbia in May, 1977. He is presently employed by the National Black Veteran's Organization as a procurator and conservation specialist in Washington, D.C.

Brian L. Papak has been named news and sports director for radio station WRIN in Rensselaer, Ind.

Mark Allan Ramion, Ken Casper, Edwin Dziedziejko and James Maurer are all Brothers of the Capuchin Franciscans order as of Aug. 26, 1977, from St. Lawrence Seminary.

MARRIAGES

Michael T. Costello '72 and Elizabeth M. Burger '77, Aug. 13
 Dennis Dolan '74 and Diane King, Sept. 3
 Richard J. Dunn '74 and Patricia A. Mass '74, Oct. 2
 David Pettengell '72 and Barbara Kurth, June 25
 John Michael Cunningham and Jane A. Ellsperrmann '72, Mar. 19
 Thomas Knapke '77 and Kathleen Peterson '77, Aug. 6
 Michael J. Gehring '76 and Patrice Mayer '76, Aug. 6
 Donald A. Costa and Kathryn M. Ward '72, Oct. 28

BIRTHS

Kathryn Terese, born July 26 to Mr. and Mrs. Rodney B. Lechwar '67
 Julie Anne, born Aug. 4 to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Snell '73
 Brian John, born Aug. 4 to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond A. Novak '68
 Christopher Robert, born June 5 to Mr. and Mrs. Richard P. Balcer '71
 Nicholas David, born Sept. 2 to Mr. and Mrs. David Franczyk '69
 Benjamin Thomas, born Apr. 7 to Mr. and Mrs. Dan Halton '72 (Nan Dine '72)
 Rebecca Helen, born Apr. 25 to Mr. and Mrs. Earl W. Crosby '70

DEATHS

Rev. William Stack '36, Aug. 9
 Rev. Joseph A. Sheeran '31, Aug. 12
 Terry A. Davisson '66, Aug. 16
 Clarence J. St. Marie '21, May 27
 Edward O'Donnell '45, Aug. 18
 Philip Maini, Jr. '69, Aug. 18
 John J. Schreener '30, July 15, 1975
 Carl Schaffer '23
 Fr. Rufus Esser '19, Sept. 30
 Louise D. Roland '75, Oct. 9
 Fr. James Zaumeyer '43, Oct. 14

1976 **Kimberly A. Lyon** graduated from the professional sales training program of Bellden Corporation's Electric division and is now a marketing specialist at the Richmond, Ind., plant.

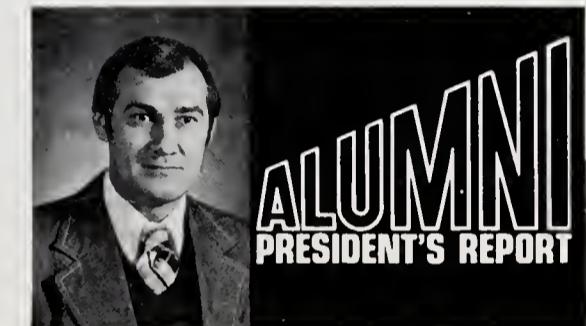
Robert Pietranczyk has joined the staff as an instructor in the English department of Lowell (Ind.) High School.

Jackie Stahl is a third grade teacher at St. Mary School in Crown Point, Ind.

1977 **Michael T. Costello** and his wife **Elizabeth (Burger)** are currently residing in Indianapolis. Liz is attending Indiana University School of Law and Mike is working for the Indiana Information Controls, a data processing firm.

Joseph J. Rosengarten was in the cast of "Love in E Flat," the season-opening play for the Marion Civic Theater in October at the Grant-Blackford Development Center in Marion, Ind.

Frank Sergi is teaching and coaching at Cathedral High School in Indianapolis. He is also attending graduate school at Butler University on a part-time basis.



Dear Saint Joe Alumni and Alumnae,

If all goes well, you will receive this letter on the eve of Christmas. As I write it, it's the eve of Thanksgiving. The Pumas have just finished a winning football season and proudly share the I.C.C. crown with Butler. The students are home, or wherever we used to go on Thanksgiving break, to prepare for final exams, emotionally if not academically. Your Alumni Board is preparing for its next meeting on campus to review one of the most successful and enjoyable Homecomings ever. And I, am sitting here pondering how to bring you and Saint Joe's closer together. Never have I been more excited and at the same time more frustrated about a task as I am about the need to strengthen, and in some cases re-establish, the bond that exists between alumni and their school. It's very clear to me that we can't do a thing about it without the help of many of you.

Recently, an extremely dedicated alumnus wrote me a note regarding the completion of an alumni project in which he was involved. I personally know he contributed a great number of hours of his personal time to the project. He wrote, "It's both challenging and satisfying to be able to do something for Saint Joe's that doesn't cost me a lot of money." There's no way Saint Joe's could have bought what this man gave. That's the whole point, by the way. Your college needs your involvement, your ideas, your criticisms, your encouragements. It needs involved, energetic alumni in any spot on the map where alumni can gather.

Please take a moment to write Jerry Lasko or myself about what you might do in your area to organize an alumni gathering, or even an alumni chapter. We'd also appreciate any input you have on alumni matters. If you write, you can bet we'll answer. We'll do everything we can to help. We'll send you computerized address lists, by zip code or any way you want them. We can coordinate mailings for you and your group, just ask. But you have to ask.

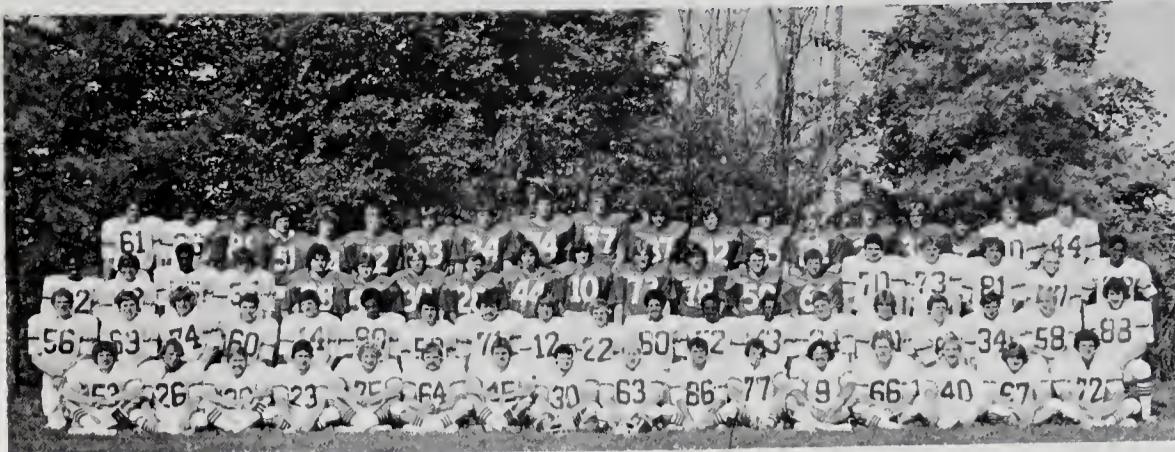
On behalf of your Alumni Board, I wish you and your families all the joys of this Christmas season and prosperity, health, peace and love in the New Year.

Sincerely,

Dale W. Fallat

Dale W. Fallat
 President
 Saint Joseph's College
 Alumni Association

Pumas Repeat As ICC Co-Champions



"Pumas repeat as ICC co-champions in 1977, Jennings repeats as coach-of-the-year" — The 1977 Saint Joseph's College football team repeated as the Indiana Collegiate Conference co-champions, sharing the honor with Division II foe Butler University. The Pumas posted a 3-1 conference record and finished the season with three consecutive victories for a 5-4 overall mark.

A balanced offensive attack plus a tough defense sparked Saint Joseph's surge to its second straight co-championship of the Indiana Collegiate Conference.

These facts are readily reflected in the team's final 1977 statistics that reveal overall team depth and balance as dominant factors.

As a team, the Pumas averaged 160.0 yards per game rushing and 152.8 passing for a 312.8 total offense average. Defensively, SJC yielded 250.7 yards per game, including a stingy 91.5 yards per game by air.

SJC led the foes in first downs, 127-118, and the Pumas' total included 71 by rush and 48 by pass. Saint Joe outscored its opponents by 151-129.

Sophomore tailback Larry Shelton led the rushing attack with 786 net yards in 171 carries for a 4.6 average and five touchdowns. Senior fullback Greg Duggin chipped in 457 yards in 99 carries for a 4.5 average and seven touchdowns.

Quarterback Ray Banary completed 92 of 188 passes, good for a .489 percentage, 1341 yards and four touchdowns. Overall, the Pumas recorded 97 completions in 213 tries for 1372 yards and five scores.

Top receivers were junior split end Duwayne Mill and senior flanker Mike Palmore; both caught 28 passes and scored twice; Mill's receptions covered 493 yards and Palmore's were good for 425 yards. Mill also led the team in kickoff returns (11 for 211 yards, a 19.2 average), punting (38 kicks for a 37.0 average) and punt returns (14 for 155 yards, an 11.1 average).

Defensive opportunism is apparent in two categories: interceptions and fumble re-

coveries. Saint Joe picked off 12 opponents' aerials, with sophomore defensive back Brian Brennan, junior John Zaworski and senior Tom Ferguson accounting for three steals each. The Pumas recovered 14 opponents' fumbles, with Ferguson falling on three and junior defensive tackle Greg Jenkins and junior middleguard Charles Roarks pouncing on two each.

Zaworski led the defense with 56 tackles and 29 assists, while Ferguson and junior linebacker Mark Greiner had 28 tackles each; Greiner had 49 assists and Ferguson had 41. Other tackle leaders included junior end Greg King (39), sophomore defensive back Mike Bettinger (33), sophomore linebacker Matt Heminger (32), Roarks (29) and junior defensive back Kirk Adams (28).

Duggin led the team in scoring with seven touchdowns for 42 points, while Banary had 41 points on two touchdowns, 17 successful point-after-touchdown conversions and four field goals. Shelton added 32 points on five TD's and one two-point conversion.

In addition, head coach Bill Jennings was selected ICC coach-of-the-year by his coaching peers for the second consecutive year.

Davisson Dies In Crash

Terry Allen Davisson, SJC Class of '66, was fatally injured in a one-car accident near the town of Francesville, Ind., on Aug. 16.

He was born in South Bend June 14, 1943, a son of Owen E. and Nancy Aletha (McVay) Davisson. He was a 1961 graduate of Rensselaer High School.

He attended the U.S. Military Academy for one year, and then enrolled at Saint Joseph's.

In football, he was an All-ICC performer in his junior and senior years, as well as serving as the team's co-captain in his senior year. In basketball, he played all three years and in his senior year averaged over eight points per game.

As a tribute to his outstanding athletic success while at Saint Joseph's and for his contributions to athletics and his community after graduation, he was inducted into the Saint Joseph's College Sports Hall of Fame in January of 1969.

After graduation from Saint Joseph's, he taught and coached at Mishawaka, (Ind.) Marian High School, Indianapolis Ritter High School, Rensselaer Central High School, and at Dowagiac (Mich.) High School. At the time of his death, he was employed as district sales manager for Edward J. Funk & Sons, Kentland, Ind.

Cagers Approach Rugged Schedule

Coach George Waggoner welcomes the return of five lettermen in his second year as head mentor of the Puma cagers. The season began Nov. 17 as the Pumas lost an exhibition game to the Athletes-In-Action, 90-80, at Alumni Fieldhouse. The Pumas begin Indiana Collegiate Conference play Jan. 11 with a game against Butler at home.

SJC REMAINING BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Jan. 5	ILLINOIS BENEDICTINE
Jan. 7	BELLARMINE (Ky.)
Jan. 11	BUTLER*
Jan. 14	at Indiana Central*
Jan. 18	VALPARAISO*
Jan. 21	MARIAN (Indianapolis)
Jan. 23	EASTERN ILLINOIS
Jan. 25	at Illinois Benedictine
Jan. 28	DEPAUW
Feb. 2	at Tri-State (Ind.)
Feb. 5	at Bellarmine (Ky.)
Feb. 8	at Valparaiso*
Feb. 11	at Butler*
Feb. 15	INDIANA CENTRAL*
Feb. 18	at Franklin (Ind.)
Feb. 22	WESTERN ILLINOIS
Feb. 25	at Evansville*
Feb. 28	at DePauw

*INDIANA COLLEGIATE CONFERENCE

Former Pumas Coach Two State Champions

Two of Indiana's three 1977 state high school football champions crowned on the weekend of Nov. 18-19 were coached by Saint Joseph's College alumni.

Les Klein, a 1960 SJC graduate, directed Portage to the state AAA title in a 33-14 thrashing of previously top-rated Evansville Reitz in the championship game held in Indianapolis. Portage finished the season with a 12-1 record and also upset defending state titlist Merrillville by a score of 3-0 in a first-round tourney game.

Klein was a standout halfback for the Pumas during 1957-60. He won All-Indiana Collegiate Conference honors in his junior and senior seasons and was the Pumas' leading scorer in 1960.



LES KLEIN



DUFFY HAGIST

Duffy Hagist, a 1967 SJC alumnus, coached Indianapolis Ritter to the state's class A title in a 15-6 win over Tippecanoe Valley, in a game also played at Indianapolis. Ritter rolled to an 11-1 season record.

Hagist was a star quarterback for the Pumas, and he still holds many Saint Joe passing records, including season marks for most passes attempted (250), most passes completed (120), and single-game marks for most passes attempted (43) and most passes completed (21).



ALUMNI MAN-OF-THE-YEAR AWARD TO JIM BUCKLEY: Fr. Charles Banet, president of Saint Joseph's College, presents award to Jim Buckley, SJC class of '48 during Homecoming pre-game festivities. Also pictured are alumni board members Kathy Choka, '72 and alumni board president Dale Fallat '66.



The women's schedule:

Dec.	3	GRACE
Dec.	6	NOTRE DAME
Dec.	15	PURDUE-CALUMET
Jan.	6	INDIANA TECH
Jan.	7	HUNTINGTON
Jan.	11	at Purdue-Calumet
Jan.	19	at Anderson
Jan.	25	St. Francis (III.)
Jan.	27	at Notre Dame
Jan.	28	at St. Mary's
Jan.	31	ST. FRANCIS (IND.)
Feb.	3	at Marian
Feb.	4	IUPUI-INDIANAPOLIS
Feb.	8	Valparaiso
Feb.	11	at Butler
Feb.	18	BETHEL
Feb.	21	at Indiana Central
Feb.	24	IWISO REGIONAL
Feb.	25	Tourney at SJC
Feb.	27	INDIANA STATE
Mar.	3	IWISO STATE
Mar.	4	Tourney

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Many thanks are in order for those individuals who contributed to making Homecoming '77 the huge success that it was.

Special mention should be made to Mike Smith (Class of '63), vice-president for financial support of the Alumni Board, for serving as Homecoming '77 Chairman; to Dale Fallat, Alumni Board president; to the remainder of the Alumni Board members, past and present; to Dave Miller (Class of '78), SJC senior class president, and recent recipient of the first annual Alumni Association scholarship; to the college staff, to the student workers; to the various school clubs; to the city of Rensselaer merchants; and to you ALUM who makes Saint Joseph's College the SPECIAL school that it is.

May all of you share a few scenes and memories from Homecoming '77.

GERALD R. LASKO
Executive Alumni Director

SJC Homecoming '77

